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In re application of: AKAHOSHI, Toshiaki

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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application is hereby requested for the above-identified application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Appln. No. 2003-121903, filed April 25, 2003

In support of this claim, the requisite certified copy of said original foreign application is filed herewith.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the applicant has complied with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119 and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of said certified copy.

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Respectfully submitted,

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